

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Certain tasks are outsourced from a filer to a remote policy engine. The policy engine implements various defined policies to control the filer's servicing of client requests. For example, the policy engine can be used to implement policies to control various storage-related operations relating to data managed by a filer, such as creation, deletion, modification, opening, closing, renaming and/or changing attributes of files or directories managed by the filer.